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SUBJECT: USIS RIDER POLL ON INDONESIAN SITUATION

SUMMARY: ON APRIL 21 USIS TOKYO PLACED TWO RIDER QUESTIONS IN SANKEI POLL CONCERNING INFLUENCE OF LATEST SOUTHEAST ASIAN SITUATION ON JAPAN. SAMPLE OF 878 TOKYO-OSAKA URBAN RESPONDENTS. (A) ABOUT ONE IN TWO RESPONDENTS (48.4 PERCENT) THOUGHT RECENT EVENTS IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM COULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON JAPAN'S FUTURE, WHILE 16 PERCENT DID NOT THINK SO. MORE MALE RESPONDENTS (60.8) THAN FEMALE (37.2) FELT S.E. ASIAN EVENTS WOULD INFLUENCE JAPAN'S FUTURE. THOSE EXPECTING AN INFLUENCE WERE MORE NUMEROUS AMONG BETTER EDUCATED AND EXECUTIVE RESPONDENTS (61.2 FOR UNIVERSITY GRADUATES - 69.2 FOR EXECUTIVE/PROFESSIONAL THAN LESSER EDUCATED AND WORKERS (37.4 FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATES - 51.1 FOR WORKERS). DK/NA OF 35.5 MAY BE CONSIDERED "SWING VOTE" WHO HAVEN'T FORMED A VIEW IN DEVELOPING SITUATION (B) AMONG THOSE WHO ANTICIPATE AN INFLUENCE, THE LARGEST GROUP (22.4 PERCENT BASED ON TOTAL 878 RESPONDENTS) FELT IT NECESSARY FOR JAPAN TO TAKE A MORE CONCILIA-TORY STANCE TOWARD NORTH VIETNAM, WHILE 16.6 PERCENT FELT THAT EVENTS WOULD ENCOURAGE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE TOWARD OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES. 10.3 PERCENT THOUGHT EVENTS COULD HAVE DANGEROUS EFFECT ON DEFENSE OF JAPAN. THE SMALLEST (8.5 PERCENT) THOUGHT THAT UNITED STATES COULD NOT BE RELIED UPON. 32.5 PERCENT OF MALE RESPONDENTS ACKNOWLEDGED NEED FOR JAPAN'S CKONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARD N. VIETNAM, WHILE THAT OF FEMALE WAS 13.3. IN TERMS OCCUPATIONS, THOSE INEXECUTIVE AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS SHOWED HIGHER PERCENTAGES IN THEIR EXPECTATION OF (1) UNCLASSIFIED

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MORE AGGRESSIVE COMMUNISTS' THRUST TOWARD OTHER ASIAN STATES

(30.8), (2) LOSS OF CONFIDENCE IN THE U.S. (17.3), (3) MORE
CONCILIATORY JAPANESE STANCE TOWARD N. VIETNAM (32.7) AND (4) A
DANGEROUS EFFECT ON DEFENSE OF JAPAN (17.3). THE SAME ANSWERS
BY SALARIED WORKERS WERE 18.9, 8.1, 26.7 AND 9.6 RESPECTIVELY.
CONCILIATORY JAPANESE STANCE TOWARD N. VIETNAM WAS PARTICULARLY
HIGH AMONG SUPPORTERS OF KOMEI (30.8) AND DSP (29.0), WHILE THAT
OF LDP WAS LOW 17.7 PERCENT. MORE ACTIVE COMMUNISTS ACXRESSION
WAS HIGH AMONG DSP SUP
MGEFRS (32.3) AND KOMEI (26.9), BUT VERY
LOW AMONG JCP SUPPORTERS WITH 3.1 PERCENT. END SUMMARY.

1. Q1. DO YOU THINK THAT RECENT EVENTS IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM CAN HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON JAPAN'S FUTURE, OR DON'T YOU THINK SO?

EXEC/ UNIV STUD WORK

TOTAL PROF GRAD ENTS ERS LDP JSP JCP DSP KOME I
YES 48.4 69.2 61.2 42.4 51.1 51.4 49.4 53.1 51.6 53.8
NO 16.1 17.3 16.8 17.6 16.3 15.9 21.3 12.5 6.5 19.2
DK 35.5 13.5 22.0 40.0 32.6 32.7 29.2 34.4 41.9 26.9

2. Q2 (IF "YES" INQ1) IN WHAT RESPECTS DO YOU THINK RECENT EVENTS IN CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM CAN HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON FUTURE OF JAPAN? PLEASE CHOOSE UP TO TWO ANSWERS. (MULTIPLE ANSWERS):

(A) COULD HAVE AN UNFAVORABLE ECONOMIC EFFECT ON JAPAN; (B) COULD HAVE A DANGEROUS EFFECT ON DEFENSE OF JAPAN; (C) COULD ENCOURAGE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE TOWARD OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES; (D) CANNOT REPLY UPON THE U.S.; (E) COULD MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR JAPAN TO TAKE AMORE CONCILIATORY STANCE TOWARD NORTH VIETNAM; (F) NONE OF THE ABOVE; (G) DK/NA.

3. TOTAL AND DEMO BREASKS OF Q2 ON BASIS OF TOTAL 878 CASES: EXEC/ UNIV STUD WORK

TOTAL RPOF GRAD ENTS ERS LDP JSP JCP DSP KOMEI

- A. 14.6 17.3 16.8 10.6 16.3 17.7 19.1 15.6 12.9 11.5
- B. 10.3 17.3 13.6 4.7 9.6 14.5 11.2 6.3 6.5 7.7
- C. 16.6 30.8 18.7 11.8 18.9 20.9 11.2 3.1 32.3 26.9 UNCLASSIFIED

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D. 8.5 17.3 10.3 8.2 8.1 5.5 6.7 9.4 6.5 11.5
E. 22.4 32.7 34.1 25.9 26.7 17.7 22.5 25.0 29.0 30.8
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